

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE May 21, 2007

SUBJECT: Failing Charter School – Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Schools

SUBMITTED BY: DeAnna Rowe

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Charter schools participate in the school accountability system, AZ LEARNS, as described in A.R.S. § 15-241.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-241(T), if a charter school is designated as a school failing to meet academic standards, the department of education shall immediately notify the charter school's sponsor. The charter school's sponsor shall either take action to restore the charter school to acceptable performance or revoke the charter school's charter.

- In October 2004, Salt River High School (School), a site of Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Schools (SRPMICS), a charter operator sponsored by the Arizona State Board of Education, was designated as a first year Underperforming school for the elementary (grades 7 and 8) in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-241. With the Underperforming Achievement Profile, the School was required to notify the parents of the students attending the school of the classification and create an Arizona School Improvement Plan (ASIP). The ASIP was timely submitted to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and to its sponsor on February 3, 2005.
- Following the submission, ADE scheduled a Solutions Team to visit the school and met with its stakeholders. The Solutions Team conducted its visit to the School on April 18-20, 2005.
- The school was designated a second year Underperforming school in October 2005.
- In September 2006 the school was labeled as Failing Pending Appeal.
- Following the unsuccessful statistical and substantive appeal of the School's preliminary AZ LEARNS Achievement Profile for 2006, the School was designated as Failing to Meet Academic Standards. This designation led to a joint evaluation of the School by staff from ADE's Intervention Unit and the State Board for Charter Schools.
- The findings of the joint evaluation are provided in Joint Report and includes the review of all areas required in A.R.S. § 15-241(U). Following the findings sections is a recommendation to provide an opportunity for restoration of the charter to acceptable performance or to refer the matter to hearing for consideration of revocation.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

Accept the Consent Agreement between Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Schools and the State Board of Education for the purpose of restoring the charter to acceptable performance in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-241(T).

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []